Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അതു ഒരഭിപ്രായമാണ്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അതു അഭിപ്രായമല്ല. അതാതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലുള്ളവർക്കു തന്നെ കൊടുക്കുന്നതാണു ന്യായം.

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunian Pillai: മെമ്പർക്കുള്ള അഭിപ്രായം അങ്ങിനെയായിരിക്കാം. ഗവണ്മെൻറു അങ്ങിനെ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Mr. Allan Prais, representative of the Jagathi Bridge Contractors.

55. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Mr. Allan Prais, a European and representative of Messrs. A. C. Gamman Company of Bombay, which took up the construction of the Jagathi bridge was tried for cheating the said company and sentenced to two months' simple imprisonment under Section 409 T. P. C. by Mr. G. B. E. Truscott, the Special Magistrate ; and

(*b*) whether the native coolies and others who have been similarly cheated by the said agent had caused riot ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: കമ്പനിക്കാർക്കു കാൺട്രാക്ടു കൊടുക്കുകയും അവർ അതിലേക്കു ഒരു ഏജൻറിനെ നിയമിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ആ ഏജൻറു കമ്പനിക്കാരെ കളിപ്പിച്ചതിനു എന്തു ശിക്ഷ കൊടുത്തു?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: രണ്ടു മാസത്തെ വെറും തടവു ശിക്ഷ കൊടുത്തു.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: കൂലിക്കാർക്കു കൂലി കൊടുക്കാത്തതു നിമിത്തമുള്ള ബഹളങ്ങൾ ആ സ്ഥലവാസികൾക്കു തന്നെ അറിയാമെന്നിരിക്കേ, അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അറിവില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയാണോ?

President: Government cannot take up all cases in their own hands and go to a Court of law.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether the non-opening of the bridge has anything to do with the cheating affair?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I don't think so.

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President: The bridge was not cheated, but only unfortunate coolies.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know whether any action was taken against Mr. Allan Prais, for cheating the coolies?

President: He is safe in some happy place. What more?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, it is said that some action was taken against Mr. Allan Prais for cheating Messrs. A. C. Gammon and Company of Bombay. May I know whether any action has been taken for cheating the poor native coolies?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No charges were made against him for cheating the coolies.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, to the question whether the native coolies and others who have been similarly cheated by the said agent had caused riot, the answer is, 'no.' It means therefore that there was cheating of coolies, but there was no riot.

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The answer 'no' applies to both parts of the queston, Sir.

Construction of the bridge at Erappuzha.

56. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the pillars of the Erappuzha bridge had to be cut;

(*b*) the number of pillars so cut;

(*c*) the reason for the pillars being too long; and

(*d*) whether pillars had to be cast again for this bridge?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*d*) These do not arise,

Coercive steps for realisation of land revenue in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

57. * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai:** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether coercive steps for the realisation of arrears of land revenue by seizure and attachment of movables and house hold utensils are being vigorously pursued now in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram; and

(*b*) whether such coercive processes as the seizure and attachment of movables are being resorted to now by the Proverthikars and pakuthi accountants in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram for compelling the ryots to pay?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) and (*b*) Distraint of movables is resorted to in certain cases in the Agastisvaram taluk and is made only by the Proverthikars. No such coercive steps are being taken in the Tovala taluk.

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